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MIDIV Convention Report

Cheryl and Dick Faxon represented Ozark Mountain Region at the SCCA Midwest Division Convention at the Lake of the Ozarks in mid November. The highlight of the convention for Dick and Cheryl was the Executive Committee meeting - well, Cheryl's highlight actually was a shopping trip to nearby outlet stores - wherein the 2004 divisional competition schedule was ratified. Dick reports final approval was delayed a bit when three different Regions asked to host the MidAm "bonus" race, but the controversy was quickly resolved in favor of MidSouth Region. The divisional calendar appears on page 7 of this issue.

The Executive Committee approved several rules affecting the various MIDIV road racing championships. Certainly the most far reaching is a requirement that all of the division's tracks must employ a transponder timing & scoring system in 2004. Transponder systems are common in other Divisions, in professional racing, and even in vintage/historic racing.

The Committee established an IT7 class within the MidAm Road Racing Championship for first generation Mazda RX7s and also created a Club Formula Continental class for vehicles ten years old and older. After much discussion and a contentious vote, an approved tire list - Toyo Proxes RA-1, Kumho Victoracer V700 and Ecsta V700, Hankook Ventus Z211 - was ratified for the SpecMiata class. And the Committee approved the stipulation that 1) the MidAm "bonus" race must be scheduled after the *Runoffs* and 2) the "bonus" race will rotate to a different track every two years.

Several awards were announced at the banquet which concluded the convention. Kansas Region's Dale Smith, an RX7 racer in the MidAm's E Production class, won the *Workers' Choice* award, Southern Illinois Region's Chris Albin took home the MidAm "Driver of the Year" trophy, Monica Shaw from Des Moines Valley Region was named MIDIV "Worker of the Year," and MidSouth Region's Maureen Wheeler was presented the *England-Stipe Award*, MIDIV's highest honor, for her long service to the Division's racing program.

The 2004 MIDIV Convention will be hosted by Wichita Region.

Awards Banquet Kicks Off 2004

OMR's first event of the new year is our annual *Awards Banquet* scheduled for Saturday, January 17 at the *Riverside Inn* north of Ozark, MO. (See page 3 for complete details.) Last year's awards dinner drew more than 70 members and guests, and we expect at least that many this year. Even if you are not up for an award, you'll want to attend. The historic *Riverside Inn* is famous for its food and ambiance; OMR's members are famous for having A GOOD TIME when they get together in a relaxed setting.

It's too late to make your reservations by mail, but if you plan to attend and haven't done anything about it yet, contact Jeff Moore or Ted Wells a.s.a.p.— their phone numbers and email addresses appear on page 3. Jeff must know the number of people attending by Wednesday, January 14 so he can alert the restaurant. As in past years, the banquet costs \$20 per person which is a real deal because the Region pays taxes, gratuities and other fees.

The awards program always opens with a joke from the Regional Executive - have you ever heard Dick Faxon tell a joke? - and then continues with the presentation of SCCA membership pins to those members who passed their five year, ten year, fifteen year, etc. anniversaries during 2003. Those folks are: five years - Mike Eden, Carol Grantham, Gary Grantham, Lora Grantham, Delia Gresham, Derek Gresham, John Gresham, Lyndell Pickett, Marsha Sutton and Joe Sutton; ten years - Bill Cary, Kyle Jones, Derek Jones, Bobby Miller, Jennifer Miller, Shelley Rice, Becky Wood, Shelby Wood; fifteen years - Tim "Opie" Viets, Curtis Wood,

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OMR/SCCA's Next Monthly Meeting

TUESDAY – FEBRUARY 3 – 7:00 PM

Classic Sports Bar & Restaurant

**Clarion Hotel – 3333 S. Glenstone
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OMR/SCCA MEETINGS

General Membership Meetings are scheduled on the first Tuesday of the month. Meeting locations are always noted on the first page of **The BLAT**. Guests are welcome.

Board of Directors Meetings are scheduled on Thursday of the second full week of the month. Meeting locations are always noted on the last page of **The BLAT**.

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Joanne Wood; twenty years - David Small.

The sixteen class champions in OMR's 2003 SOLO II Championship will receive awards, and the gigantic "Autocrosser of the Year" traveling trophy will be presented to Sam Henry for the third year in a row. Let's hope he brings his saucy wife, Jennifer. (And incidentally, you single guys bring chicks; chicks dig awards ceremonies!)

National road racing awards will go to Loren Moore (1st - Touring 1) and Chuck Leighton (3rd - G Production) in recognition of their final rankings in MIDIV's national points competition. *MidAm Championship* trophies will be presented to Dick Faxon (1st - SpecMiata,) Chris Brannon (1st - Touring 2,) Rick Carr (2nd - GT2,) and Shane Bennoch (3rd - Formula Continental.) And Dick also should receive something for his MIDIV *I.T. Tour* title in SpecMiata.

Also on the agenda are three racing awards sponsored by Ozark Mountain Region - *Race Driver of the Year*, *Rookie Race Driver of the Year*, and *Race Mechanic of the Year*. The names of recipients, traditionally, aren't revealed until the night of the Banquet.

Three other surprises which await you at the Banquet are the winners of OMR's prestigious traveling trophies - the *J.D. Rice Memorial Award* for outstanding Regional member, the *Last of the Great Ones* plaque for long time service to the Region as decided by the Regional Executive, and the infamous *Skroo Up of the Year* trophy for the biggest blunder at an SCCA event as decided by the BLAT's Editor.

Expect also the presentation of service awards to the four retiring Board members - Dick Faxon, 1999-2003; Forrest Tindall - 2000—2003; Mike Eden, 2001-2003; Ted Wells, 2000-2003 - and a special award to Jeff Moore for ten years (and counting) on the Region's Board of Directors.

Frequently asked questions about the Banquet: What should I wear? *Please wear clothes; some folks dress up, some don't.* Can I bring the wife and kids? *Certainly, it's not a stag party. Bring your wife, or a guest, or your brother, or mom & dad, or someone you think might be interested in SCCA. (People bringing small children need to check with Jeff Moore about costs.)* Can I bring a chick? *I've answered that before.* Why is the awd Subaru WRX STi in A Stock? *Not germane to this discussion.* Will there be door prizes? *There usually are.* When and where is this thing? *See page 3 of this issue.*

Remember: even if you are not receiving an award, you are encouraged to attend the Banquet. Don't miss this opportunity to enjoy some good food and congratulate your fellow OMR members on their successes in 2003. Make your reservations right now. You'll have A GOOD TIME.....guaranteed!

MINUTES Board of Directors Meeting 10-16-03

Meeting at *Schultz & Dooley's Too* called to order by R.E. Dick Faxon at 7:10 PM. A motion was made to amend and approve the previous Board minutes. The Treasurer's report was waived.

Old Business:

The question was raised if the new Solo II Safety Stewards got their licenses. Dick will check on situation.

Forrest gave a report on his generator vs. solar panel research. The board is going to "let it ride" until the off season.

25 people attended the picnic. Board believes this number about the same as last year.

New Business:

Mike Eden set the Halloween Rally date for November 15, 2003. The late scheduling of the event is due to the race schedule. First car off around 4:30 P.M.

The Board approved a motion to retain the current regional dues structure in 2004.

Ted discussed moving the November Board meeting to Nov. 20 to clear the Nov. Solo and Rally events and allow more time for the election.

Dick discussed the agenda for the upcoming MIDIV Convention. Board agreed to be in favor of transponders, in favor of IT7, in favor of restricting SpecMiata tires to an approved list.

The feasibility of OMR hosting a future Convention was discussed. The board decided that we would not have the volunteers needed to host such an event.

Ted gave a report about the new RE in Oklahoma Region.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:01 P.M.

Minutes submitted by Sam Henry, Secretary

MINUTES General Meeting 11-4-03

RE Dick Faxon called the Meeting to order at *Classic Sports Bar & Restaurant* at 7:04 P.M. A motion was made and accepted to waive the reading of the Minutes. Jeff Moore provided a Treasurer's report.

Old Business:

Erik Anderson reported on the October autocross. Results are on the web site.

Dick reported on the Regional picnic and go kart driving on Oct. 12. Attendance was roughly the same as last year.

Jeff provided race reports the final MidAm events at Gateway Int'l

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Current Board members engaged in a lengthy discussion about the make up of the 2004 Board in light of the fact that no election was held due to the lack of candidates. Since the October Board meeting, several Directors had encouraged Rick Carr, Chris Simons, and Derek Gresham to join Erik Anderson in serving on the 2004 Board. (Carr, Anderson, and Simons were in attendance.) Board appointed Carr, Anderson, Simons, and Gresham to replace the four Directors - Dick Faxon, Mike Eden, Forrest Tindall, and Ted Wells - who wish to retire at the end of 2003.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Minutes submitted by Sam Henry, Secretary.

MINUTES General Meeting 12-2-03

Regional Executive Dick Faxon called the meeting to order at *Classic Sports Bar & Restaurant* at 7:04 P.M. A motion was made and accepted to waive the reading of the Minutes. A Treasurer's report was presented by the Secretary and approved.

Old Business:

Erik Anderson gave a report on the November autocross, our final SOLO II event of the year. Entries increased at each of the last four events of the season. Erik announced that Chris Simons had agreed to manage the SOLO II program in 2004.

Dick reported on actions taken by the Executive Committee at the MIDIV Convention. An IT7 class was approved. The "bonus" race will rotate every two years. Four tire models from three manufacturers were approved for Spec Miata. Transponder timing & scoring systems will be required in 2004. And the 2004 Convention will be in Wichita KS.

New Business:

Dick forecast that the Mid South Region may contact Ozark Mountain Region (and others) about forming a race group to host events at Memphis Motorsports Park.

Erik brought up the subject of a charity autocross - perhaps to benefit "Toys For Tots" - to close out the 2004 autocross season.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 P.M. so that those in attendance could watch a tape of the T1 race at the Runoffs.

Minutes submitted by Sam Henry, Secretary.

MINUTES Board Of Directors Meeting 12-11-03

Regional Executive Dick Faxon called the meeting to order at Schultz & Dooley's Too at 7:06 PM. A motion was made and accepted to waive the reading of the Minutes. The Treasurer's

report was presented by Jeff Moore and approved.

Old Business:

Dick Faxon reported on the awards banquet on Saturday, Jan. 17. He discussed the menu and a slight price increase. The board approved a motion to keep the cost per person the same for attendees. The price will be \$20.00, the same as the past few years.

Board discussed the style of awards to be ordered. Suitable recipients for some of the awards were discussed. Ted offered no insight into the infamous skroo up award which is presented by the *BLAT's* Editor.. Many of the awards are determined by points etc., but one is presented at the discretion of the R.E. and another is presented by the Board.

Cheryl Faxon attended and gave a brief report on her impressions of the divisional convention.

The Board approved a motion allowing Ted to spend up to \$200.00 for door prizes for the awards banquet should he find some end-of-year deals on racing shirts, hats, etc.

New Business:

Four members of the 2004 Board of Directors were present - Phil Fanning, Jeff Moore, Sam Henry, and Derek Gresham. They discussed appointments to the various Regional offices. In order to pass along the relevant paperwork to the National Office before the end of the year, they agreed that Rick Carr will serve as R.E., Phil will continue as Assistant R.E., Jeff will continue as Treasurer and Licensing Chief, and Sam will continue as Secretary. Chris Simons has volunteered to be Solo II Manager, but the Rally Manager's position remains vacant unless Erik Anderson fills it. Non Board members Shelley Rice, Chief Scrutineer, and Ted Wells, Editor and Membership Chairman, are expected to remain in their positions.

There was a brief discussion about the future of the OMR Solo II program.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 P.M.

Minutes submitted by Sam Henry, Secretary.

Vintage Racing At Hallett

In last month's issue, I mentioned the *Corinthian Vintage Auto Racing* group out of Texas (no, I don't know where they got that name) and their twice-a-year visits to Hallett Motor Racing Circuit in Oklahoma. This year's dates are April 2-4 and October 8-10.

CVAR had more than 100 entries at its Hallett races last October, so a trip down to HMRC might be worthwhile if you're interested in the vintage racing scene. CVAR's members seem to be big on small bore production and formula cars, but their April 2-4 event will include a "40th Anniversary Mustang Feature" race.

Their website is: www.corinthianvintagerace.com

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and Memphis Motorsports Park

New Business:

The upcoming Halloween Rally was discussed. Event had to be delayed until Nov. 15 due to organizers' racing commitments. It will be a "hare & hounds" type rally with a bonfire party afterward.

David Small encouraged members to attend the RallySprint at Hallett, OK on Thanksgiving weekend.

John Taliaferro and Joe Bass correctly answered Phil Fanning's latest trivia challenge. After a drawing, John was declared the winner. Trivia answer: Forrest Tindall has competed at five SCCA season-ending, national championship races - twice at Riverside, CA, twice at Road Atlanta, and once at Mid-Ohio.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 P.M.

Minutes submitted by Sam Henry, Secretary.

MINUTES Board of Directors Meeting 11-13-03

RE Dick Faxon called the meeting to order at *Schultz & Dooley's Too* at 7:16 PM. A motion was made to waive the reading of the Minutes. Jeff Moore presented a Treasurer's report which was approved.

Old Business:

Dick Faxon discussed the agenda items he will vote on at the MIDIV Convention on Nov. 14/15. He asked for Board members' opinions on IT7, transponders, and Spec Miata tire rules.

Mike Eden reported that everything was all set for the Halloween Rally. He is gathering a few last minute supplies like marble dust.

Jeff reported on plans for the bonfire party following the rally, and it's all set and ready to go.

New Business:

Board discussed plans for the January awards banquet. Schedule, menu, and fees will be the same as last January's banquet. Ted Wells will begin publicizing event in *The BLAT*.

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2003 Midwest Division Racing Video

For the past several years, David Ownbey and I have created a video of various clips from the races that we have attended. This year we are offering the **2003 Midwest Division Racing** video for **\$22.00 on DVD or \$20.00 on VHS** (shipping included in both). The video will be available to ship right after January 1, 2004.

If you would like to order a copy, please fill out the form below, mail and make checks payable to:

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VHS _____ or DVD _____

Because of variances in DVD players, at this time we cannot guarantee that a DVD we create will play in a particular player. Older players seem to be more touchy than newer players. If this occurs, contact us and we will cut you another DVD on a different brand of media, or refund price on return of DVD or we will exchange for VHS copy.

If you would like a video from a particular race weekend, please contact us to verify if we have attended that race and taped it, as we don't make all races.

2004 SCCA Midwest Division Calendar

MARCH

- 13 - Crash, Fire & Rescue School For Race Workers - SCCA Headquarters - Topeka, KS
- 20/21 - Regional/National/I.T.Tour Races - Memphis Motorsports Park - Millington, TN
- 26-28 - Double Racing Schools/Regional Race - Gateway Int'l Raceway - Madison, IL
- 27/28 - SCCA *ProSolo* - Forbes Field - Topeka, KS

APRIL

- 3/4 - Double Regional Races/Performance Car Control Clinic - Heartland Park - Topeka, KS
- 10/11 - SCCA *ProSolo* - Forbes Field - Topeka, KS
- 17/18 - Racing School/Regional Race - Hallett Motor Racing Circuit - Hallett, OK
- 24/25 - Regional/National/I.T.Tour Races - MidAmerica Motorplex - Glenwood, IA

MAY

- 1/2 - Regional/National/I.T.Tour Races - Gateway Int'l Raceway - Madison, IL
- 15/16 - Regional/National/I.T.Tour Races - Hallett Motor Racing Circuit - Hallett, OK
- 29/30 - Regional/National/I.T.Tour Races - Memphis Motorsports Park - Millington, TN
- 30/31 - *SOLOTIME*/MIDIV Solo II Series Event #1 - Gateway Int'l Raceway - Madison, IL

JUNE

- 5/6 - Regional/National/I.T.Tour Races - Heartland Park - Topeka, KS
- 12/13 - *SOLOTIME*/MIDIV Solo II Series Event #2 - Remington Park - Oklahoma City, OK
- 19/20 - *MirrorKhana XXX* - East Crawford Recreation Area - Salina, KS

JULY

- 3/4 - Regional/National/I.T.Tour Races - Hallett Motor Racing Circuit - Hallett, OK
- 10/11 - *SOLOTIME*/MIDIV Solo II Series Event #3 - East Crawford Recreation Area - Salina, KS
- 17/18 - Racing School/Regional Race/Performance Car Control Clinic - Heartland Park - Topeka, KS
- 31/1 - Regional/National/I.T.Tour Races - Gateway Int'l Raceway - Madison, IL

AUGUST

- 7/8 - *SOLOTIME*/MIDIV Solo II Series Event #4 - "MIDIV Solo II Championship" - Topeka, KS
- 21/22 - Regional/National/I.T.Tour Races - MidAmerica Motorplex - Glenwood, IA

SEPTEMBER

- 4/5 - Regional/National/I.T.Tour Races - Heartland Park - Topeka, KS
- 11/12 - SCCA *ProSolo* Finale - Forbes Field - Topeka, KS
- 14-17 - *Tire Rack*/SCCA Solo II National Championship - Forbes Field - Topeka, KS
- 20-26 - *Valvoline*/SCCA "Runoffs" - National Road Racing Championship - Mid Ohio Sports Car Course

OCTOBER

- 2/3 - Racing School/Regional Race/Performance Car Control Clinic - MidAmerica Motorplex
- 9/10 - SCCA Pro Races - Heartland Park - Topeka, KS
- 16/17 - Racing School/*MidAm Bonus* Regional Race - Memphis Motorsports Park - Millington, TN
- 30/31 - Double Regional Races - Gateway Int'l Raceway - Madison, IL

NOVEMBER

- 6/7 - MIDIV Annual Convention - Tulsa, OK

Events & Meetings In The Weeks Ahead

JANUARY 15 - THURSDAY - 7:00 PM - OMR/SCCA Board Of Directors Meeting - Schultz & Dooley's Too - 3512 S. National - Springfield

JANUARY 17 - SATURDAY - OMR/SCCA Awards Banquet & Annual Meeting (Details On Page 1)
Make Your Reservations NOW !!! Don't Miss This One !!!

FEBRUARY 3 - TUESDAY - 7:00 PM - OMR/SCCA Monthly Meeting - Classic Sports Bar & Restaurant - Clarion Hotel - 3333 S. Glenstone - Springfield

FEBRUARY 5-8 - SCCA National Convention - Kansas City, MO (www.scca.org)

FEBRUARY 12 - THURSDAY - 7:00 PM - OMR/SCCA Board Of Directors Meeting - Schultz & Dooley's Too - 3512 S. National - Springfield

FEBRUARY 20/21 - Trespassers Wil & 100 Acre Wood Club Rallies - Salem, MO (www.100aw.org or www.stlscca.org)
Course Marshalls & Control Workers ARE NEEDED.
Contact Volunteer Coordinator CURT FAIGLE via email at mso4qd@charter.net

MARCH 2 - TUESDAY - 7:00 PM - OMR/SCCA Monthly Meeting - Classic Sports Bar & Restaurant - Clarion Hotel - 3333 S. Glenstone - Springfield

MARCH 20/21 - Regional/National/I.T.Tour Races - Memphis Motorsports Park - Millington, TN (901-757-2595)

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